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1. DEPT'S MAJOR PURPOSE IN GATHERING PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON
BOTH FERTILIZER AND IRON AND STEEL CONSULTATIONS HAS
BEEN FOR BACKGROUND USE OF PRIVATE EXPERTS ATTENDING
PREPARATORY MEETINGS. AS MISSION AWARE, USG RELUCTANT TO
COMMIT ITSELF IN ADVANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OFFICIAL
WAY UNTIL WE ASSURED THAT OUR LIMA OBJECTIONS FULLY
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TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN AGENDA, BACKGROUND MATERIALS, ETC.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT A DETAILED, VERBATIM TRANSMISSION OF TEXT OF REFTEL C TO SECRETARIAT MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS A USG COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE. AT THE SAME TIME WE SEE SOME VALUE IN ALERTING THE SECRETARIAT IN ADVANCE TO MAJOR OBSTACLES TO OUR PARTICIPATION. THE MISSION SHOULD, THEREFORE, WHEN COMMUNICATING, AT ITS DISCRETION, BROAD SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL C TO SECRETARIAT AVOID GIVING DETAILED PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS WHICH MIGHT CONVEY THE IMPRESSION OF A USG COMMITMENT. ROBINSON

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